

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 696
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ms. Andrea Fanta upon her selection as the first Ambassadorial Scholar with Rotary International from Dickson County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those citizens who through their many endeavors are a credit to their respective families and communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen whom evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors is Ms. Andrea Fanta. Ms. Fanta was selected as the first Ambassadorial Scholar with Rotary International from Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, as an Ambassadorial Scholar, Andrea traveled to Spain in August 2003 to study abroad for one year on a scholarship valued at up to \$25,000. While in Spain as an Ambassadorial Scholar, Ms. Fanta will study the Spanish language, history, and culture. She will speak to Elementary school students and hopes to set up a pen pal exchange between students in both Dixon and Spain; and

WHEREAS, with the Dickson High Noon Rotary Club as her sponsor up to the district level, Andrea is one of four Ambassadors chosen from Rotary District 6760, which extends from the Nashville Area westward to Shelby County. As a part of the lengthy application process, Ms. Fanta did more just completing an application; she wrote a proposal, which included why she wanted to study in Spain and what she hoped to do to promote intercultural exchange and international goodwill and harmony, and she also appeared before an interview panel of Rotarians; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Fanta has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community. Ms. Fanta's volunteer work speaks for her self-giving nature; during her college days at Belmont University, Andrea was actively involved in the YMCA's volunteer program of teaching Spanish speaking persons English as a second language; and

WHEREAS, she also served as Class President during her Junior year and as the Editor of her university's newspaper, which helped to hone her skills for her later employment with the Nashville City Paper as a reporter; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling her greatest wish of going to Spain, and furthermore on a \$25,000 scholarship, Ms. Fanta expresses her thankfulness to those who have helped her realize her dream and to her friends and sponsors, the Dickson County High Noon Rotary, Rotary District 6760, and Rotary International, for their continued support and encouragement during the entire process; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fanta is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Fanta is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Andrea Fanta upon her receipt of the prestigious Rotary International Award of being named as an Ambassadorial Scholar, and by being the first Dickson resident to ever be recognized as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy